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SUBJECT: DJIBOUTI: 3RD QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT - JUL, AUG,
SEP 2004

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1. Summary of Significant Events

A. Narrative Overview of Significant Events

1. (U) RSO took R&R during the third quarter at which time TDY RSO Jeff Pursell filled in for the majority of time while ARSO James Jewett (Kampala) filled the gap for the last two weeks. RSO would like to acknowledge the outstanding support provided by both TDY RSOs, particularly the wealth of experience and knowledge that RSO Pursell shared with the Embassy and US Military personnel. Details of RSO Pursell's TDY were forwarded to DS/IP/AF upon departure.

2. (SBU) RSO Continues to work very closely with Host Nation counterparts and representatives of the Terrorist Interdiction Program to finalize the implementation of the program. Technical setbacks have taken a toll on the project, but completion is at approximately 90%. Final implementation is expected to be completed by 12/2004.

In addition to the TIP/PISCES team, RSO supported other visitors to Post to include:

- 07/24 to 07/26 - EDP Trainer, Kirk Baumann, for training and maintenance of detection equipment
- 07/26 to 08/04 - Regional FMO, Felipe Cayabyab, for facilities review
- 08/04 to 08/07 - STS John McKenna to repair technical security equipment.
- 08/08 to 08/10 - CODEL Payne
- 08/09 to 08/09 - CENTCOM CMDR - General Abizaid
- 08/16 to 08/19 - Ship visit by the USS Denver
- 08/23 to 08/23 - CODEL Miller

3. (SBU) RSO has not received any reports of attacks on Americans during this quarter. As reported before, RSO and embassy personnel continue to monitor crime trends and RSO continues to work closely with host nation police to ensure the safety of all personnel. Reports of petty theft, fraud, assault, battery, sexual deviation, and unlawful trade continue to be reported informally. Two violent crimes occurred within the city limits in the last month of the quarter, but neither crime was aimed at Americans. One of the crimes involved two French military soldiers being stabbed by a Djiboutian national. Host Nation Police have concluded that the incident was the result of alcohol abuse.

4. (U) The First session of the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA), Law Enforcement Executive Development Program (LEEDP) began during the third quarter. 10 members of the Djiboutian government participated in session 12 of the LEEDP. RSO received positive comments from senior leadership as to the professionalism of ILEA staff and the extensive curriculum of the ILEA.

B. Mission Wide Emergency Action Drills:

1. Chancery: Although Post did not conduct traditional Embassy wide drills during this quarter, Post continues to develop and carry out emergency response drills with U.S. Military elements assigned to assist the mission in case of a crisis. Several scenarios were acted out that took into consideration the need for U.S. Military components to assist the RSO in providing a defensive posture for the Chief of Mission as well as strengthening the physical security of the compound. The USMC's Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team (FAST) out of Bahrain, conducted an exercise aimed at securing the compound and enhancing existing Mission security.

- (a) Bomb Drill - Projected for 4th Qtr
- (b) Fire Drill - Projected for 4th Qtr
- (c) Emergency Destruction Drill - projected for 4th Qtr
- (d) D&C Drill - 03/18/2004

2. Constituent posts: Not applicable.

13. MSG activities: Not applicable.

12. Threats and incidents:

1A. (SBU) Post did not convene the EAC during the 3rd quarter. Post continues to be rated as critical for trans-national terrorism. RSO and other EMBOFFs continue to work closely with Host nation counter parts to monitor activity and strengthen cooperation. RSO is working closely with DS, ORA, US Military and FBI personnel to monitor and coordinate threat reporting.

1B. Constituent posts: Not applicable

13. DS initiated investigations:

Number of cases generated by headquarters offices:

	opened	closed	pending	overdue
1. PSS	(3)	(3)	(0)	(0)
2. VF	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
3. PF	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
4. CIL	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
5. PR	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
6. CI	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
7. PII	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)

Number of cases generated by post:

1. Post FSN/PSC	(12)	(10)	(2)	(0)
2. Other Agency RFAS	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
3. Host Govt RFAS	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
4. RSO Criminal	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)

14. Action cables/e-mails not answered by DS:

04 Djibouti 658 - Request for immediate assignment of ARSO
04 Djibouti 908 - Host Government request for Scanners and Metal Detectors

15. Summary of separate reports:

1A. CIWG report: 01/05/04 - 04 Djibouti 00010

1B. Emergency action plans: completed and distributed by DS on 12/19/2001 via 02 State 217606. Next full revision of the EAP is due 06/05. An update of the EAP is projected for 4th Qtr 2004.

1C. Security surveys:
Chancery - 02 March 2003
Warehouse - 02 March 2003
EMR - 02 March 2003

1D. Procedural security survey: 01/12/03

1E. Comprehensive SPE inventory: 03/09/04 Djibouti 332 (C)

1F. RSO quarterly travel report: N/A

1G. DSS overseas firearms qualification policy: RSO re-qualified 15 November 2003 during the MTT visit (03 Djibouti 2140).
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